

Communications Vet Notes Army Changes

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MEN OF THE ACADEMIC REGIMENT of The Infantry School follow the course of the war in the regiment's Orientation Office whose walls are covered with maps marked with colored pins and battlelines. Pictured from left to right are: Corporal John J. Montalbano, Company C; Sergeant Andrew P. Townsend, Headquarters Company; Corporal Charles W. Wurtz, Jr., orientation clerk explaining a point on an Army Newspaper; and Private First Class Renaldo A. Manari, Company D. The Orientation Office, headed by Lieutenant John Mayer, regimental orientation officer, is located near Company C in the main quartet of the Academic Regiment.—(Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Veteran Band Conductor Assigned To 1st STR

Sgt. Murray Austrian, prominent local musical conductor, has joined The Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment.

The slight, wiry musician is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Austrian of 2187 Southern Boulevard, New York, N. Y. Sergeant Austrian conducted the Columbus Symphony Orchestra during 1943-44 and next season hopes to organize an all-soldier symphony group on the post.

Born in Radom, Poland, he was graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music when he was only 18. He had studied for four years under Barcevic, concert violinist and guiding spirit of aspiring Polish musicians a quarter century ago.

POLISH CAVALRY

Sergeant Austrian is an old-timer in army uniform. As a boy he had eight years of military schooling. He served in the Polish cavalry during 1920 and rose to a rank corresponding to master sergeant.

Mustered out of the army to a war-aging Poland, he decided to go to America to realize his musical ambitions.

But the New York he gaped at from a steerage port hole in December, 1920, was none too receptive to the young man. Austrian was powerfully built—he still retains his boxer's trim physique—and found a temporary livelihood in the ring. Matched against four lightweights in the Bronx's old Hunts Point Palace, he slugged his way to two kayos and won two more decisions.

In 1922 the opportunity for which he had spent a decade training arrived. Walter Damrosch invited him to play the violin in the New York Symphony, forerunner of the Philharmonic. Damrosch was not disappointed.

During the next 15 years he conducted theater orchestras in New York and Philadelphia. Migrating south to Miami in 1937, he led Freddie Martin's and Vincent Lopez' bands, then entertained Florida night-clubbers with his own orchestra.

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Officer Abandoned Navy For Old-Love—The Army

He joined the Cavalry and rose to reserve officer, then transferred to the Navy and saw the world. Back in the Army, he spent almost two years in the Coast Artillery Corps before coming to The Infantry School's special Basic course which will retrain him as an Infantry officer.

The versatile serviceman is 1st Lt. John T. Dowd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dowd of 5900 Pulaski avenue, Philadelphia, Penn. Lt. Dowd is attached to the 1st Student Training Regiment's 5th Company, commanded by Lt. Charles A. Rudy.

Joining the Enlisted Reserve Corps as a cavalryman in 1932, he was appointed second lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve, two years later. Assigned first to the 30th Cavalry Regiment, he transferred at the end of 1935 to the old 3rd Cavalry, organized in Mexican war days as General Zachary Taylor's personal guard.

In 1937 he resigned his reserve commission to put in a four year hitch with the fleet. Conducting midshipmen across the Atlantic with the European squadron, he touched at every maritime country, except Italy, on that continent.

He cruised to Hawaii, the Philippines, and Alaska. He caught a glimpse of almost every important seaport of South America. During '37, Dowd served on the Pearl Harbor-biased Oklahoma, attached at the time to the European squadron. He was aboard the Savannah when it began to carry frightened gold out of France during the 1938 Munich crisis, and later that year shipped aboard the airplane-carrier Lexington in the Pacific. His Navy tour ended in 1941.

In khaki once again in June 1942, this time as a Coast Artillery anti-aircraft officer, Lt. Dowd served at Fort Eustis, Va., Olan, Fla., and Camp Davis, N. C., before he reported to Fort Benning recently.

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All student officers of the company formerly served with the Antiaircraft command of the Coast Artillery, some of them with records of more than a year with troops, but their new stations will be their first with foot soldiers. The officers were graduated from The Infantry School's Special Basic Course.

In the opinion of many instructors who have piloted these former Ack-Ack through the highly streamlined courses designed for them, these officers will be a welcome addition to the Infantry.

"I have received many commendations for the class," reports Capt. Walter E. Burr, tactical company commander, "notably from the M1 Rifle, Physical Training, Tactics and Attack committees. All agree the spirit and cooperation displayed by this class has been outstanding."

The class also has established records among basic courses in combat firing tests and marksmanship, according to the company commander. A representative platoon from the company scored hits on 80 per cent of tar-

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When WAC Corporal Conroy S. Conroy, on duty with the pay section of The Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment, recently completed a 97-page payroll with only one mistake—and she soon corrected that—she probably set a record for accuracy in Army paper work.

Corporal Conroy, secretary for a midwestern insurance company before she enlisted in January 1943, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conroy of 4135 West Melrose Street, Chicago, Illinois. She has been preparing payrolls since only last November.

"I skinned through the job," Corporal Conroy deprecates. "Because the weekend was near, I took me about 12 hours to finish typing the payroll."

The corporal's task was made more difficult because her roll comprised a class of Enlisted Motor Course students, soldiers of all grades and lengths of service and representing outfits all over the country.

Taking of Makin Island Had Its Lighter Moments

A lone, stuttering private took charge of a Jap pillbox before his shaky tongue could call for help. A modest sergeant, entering a pillbox, saw dead Japs piled high. Or that's what he thought he saw.

A Jap's eyelid flickered. The doughboy was too startled to shout for help, but he eventually made some sounds. "Hey, fell-fell-fellers, there's—there's a live one in here!" But by that time he had prodded the unwilling Son of Heaven to his feet, disarmed him, and was double-timing the "would-be" postman-player off to headquarters.

After Makin's Japs were either corpses or prisoners, a seviner-minded sergeant took a liking to the grass skirts worn by native girls. Pointing and grunting, he tried to make one last understanding that he wanted to buy a skirt like hers.

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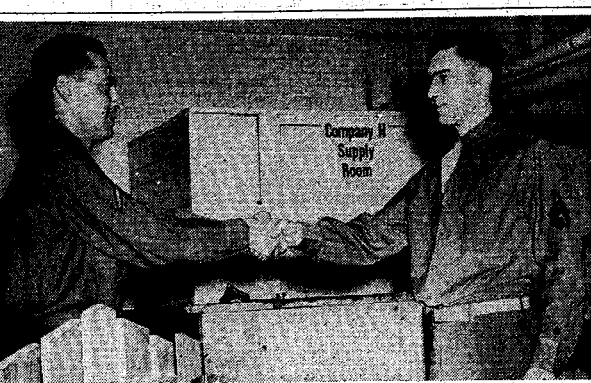
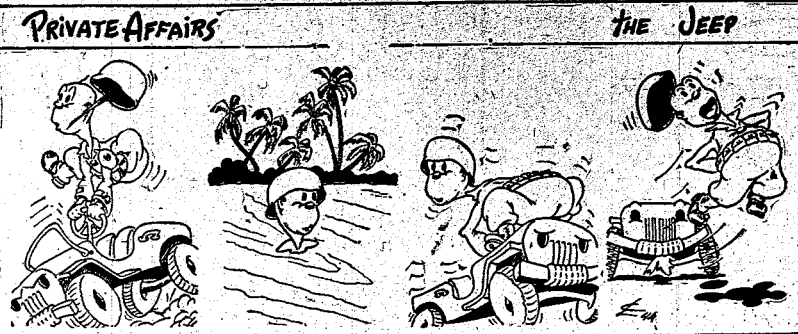
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ON THE DAY BEFORE HIS INDUCTION, Emanuel Walloff (left) said goodbye to his girl in Stamford, Conn., and met her brother, Corp. George McMaisters. McMaisters wouldn't divulge the name of his outfit, merely stating it was currently engaged in training recruits. When the 3d Infantry moved from Camp Butler to Fort Benning to become a demonstration unit for The Infantry School, Cpl. McMaisters came along with it—his outfit. And one of the rookie was Walloff, who quickly became a pfc and just recently was promoted to Corporal. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Army Has Paid Out \$653,800 Muster-out Pay

The Army has paid \$653,800 to 3,345 honorably discharged personnel or to their eligible survivors in the first 12 weeks of operation of the new "muster-out" payment plan, the War Department announced.

As of April 25, a total of 279 service men and women had received in full the maximum \$300 payment authorized for those who served on foreign duty; 2,594 had been paid \$200, and 178 had received \$100 payments. In addition, 219 "decendent estate cases" have been settled and payments have been made to representatives of 75 mental incompetents.

MOP LAW STATED
Under the law, which became operative on February 3, personnel, not above the grade of captain, who have been on active duty 60 days or more and have served outside continental United States and in Alaska are eligible upon honorable discharge to \$300 one-third to be paid upon discharge and the balance in two equal, monthly installments. Those who have been on active duty for 60 days or more but whose service has been confined to continental United States are eligible for \$200, one-half payable upon discharge and one-half one month later. Those with less than 60 days' service are paid \$100 upon discharge. Payments thus far include disbursements to service personnel who had been discharged prior to enactment of the law.

The law and subsequent War Department administrative procedures prescribe that if a discharged veteran dies before he can collect his payments in whole or in part, the balance is to be paid in lump sum to qualified survivors.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE
The order of precedence for payments to survivors is: Wife, child or children, parent or parents. If there is no wife, payments are made to the child, or in equal parts to children. If there is no wife or children, payments are made to a parent, or in equal parts to parents, if both parents are living. Payments are not made to administrators, executors or other representatives of a veteran or survivor, except to a guardian or a committee of a minor child or a mentally incompetent person. Payments to survivors, guardians or committees are made by the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

The War Department, in an administrative circular, has established standards to govern disbursements of the \$300. Payments intended for those discharged service persons who have seen foreign duty. The law provided such payments for those who have performed service "outside continental United States" and in Alaska. The circular, in effect, said that persons who had received increased pay for foreign service or increased pay for sea duty, provided the sea duty was performed aboard a vessel outside the three-mile limit, would be considered to have served "outside the continental United States."

LAD'S INITIALS CAUSE ARREST
PASADENA, Calif.—(ALNS)—Porky Wade, high school youth who peddles eggs after school, had his initials on the back of his jacket. A suspicious war worker reported to police that a war prisoner had escaped, and Porky wound up in the toils of the law until he explained. Since then he has removed the P. W. monogram from the back of his jacket.

Invasion Men To Be On CBS Program Sunday, May 7

"Men of the Invasion," a special program bringing British and American soldiers to the microphone to tell of the invasion roles they are being prepared for, will be heard from six training bases in England during the regular "World News Today" broadcast over the Columbia network, Sunday, May 7, (WABC-CBS, 2:30 to 2:55 p. m. EDT).

Presented as a sequel to CBS' "Invasion Preview," heard on "World News Today" a few weeks ago, the program will call in six of the network's correspondents from scattered points on the invasion springboard.

Listeners will hear CBS' correspondents interviewing American infantry sergeants, men of the armored forces, air corps personnel, and a British paratrooper, among others.

In addition to talking about their training, the servicemen will tell how they feel as each passing day brings the climactic D-Day closer.

Edward R. Murrow, CBS European chief, heads the list of CBS correspondents participating—Charles Collingwood, Larry Leasure, Bill Downs, Charles Shaw and Richard Hottelet.

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Strangler Lewis And Pals Will Give Exhibition

By SGT. CARL NEU

Four of the world's greatest wrestlers will appear in Doughboy Stadium on Wednesday, May 17, when the Pepsi-Cola Company sensed its entourage of famed grunt-and-grow experts to Fort Benning for a series of exhibition bouts.

Heading the list of grapplers, of course, is the incomparable Ed (Strangler) Lewis, five-time world champion. But for gentle companionship, Strangler will bring along with him such top-notchers as "Babe" Sharkey, the new world heavyweight titleholder; Sander Szabo, a former champ; and the Great Milo, known as the miracle muscle man.

ACTIVE AT 50

Lewis is to wrestling what Jack Dempsey is to boxing, Babe Ruth to baseball, and Bill Tilden to tennis. The "Strangler" is very proud of the fact that today, at the age of 50, he still does not even think of retiring. After 29 years of wrestling, he is still in excellent physical trim, trains every day, still loves the game, and likes good, tough competition.

A strange man is the "Strangler" in his private life a good fellow and ever willing to do a good turn, he is transformed, when he gets on the mat, to a primitive creature whose aim is to injure, maim, and destroy—in fact, to do everything contrary to his nature when he is not in action.

FIVE-TIME CHAMP

At one time he fashioned a strange wooden head, separated in two halves, with a spring thickness of one's thumb. The strongest men in the country could not bring the two halves together, but "Strangler" squeezed it with ease to the purpose of the gadget was to toughen his grip for his famous headlock and strangle hold. In the course of the long career which has made him five times World Champion, "Strangler" Lewis has defeated Jim London twelve times.

"Babe" Sharkey, the new Texas Wrestling Champion, was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania 30 years ago; stands 6 feet 3 1/2 inches tall; weighs 350 pounds; has a chest of 52 inches; a neck 20 inches thick; and can reach 86 inches!

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science business course degree from Temple. While there he played on the football team, with Pop Warner as coach. Pop taught him that "great offense needs no defense"—and these are the tactics the "Babe" uses on the mat.

OWNS DUDE RANCH

"Babe" Sharkey owns the finest and biggest dude ranch in the Southwest—the 12,000-acre Mayan Ranch in Bandera, Texas, fifty miles west of San Antonio. The ranch is a bronco buster, bulldozer, and wears cowboy boots elaborately decorated and especially made for him by a famous Indian, Chief Ocean Neck. Sharkey likes collecting things—first edition books, belts, pistols, and saddles.

The new World's Champion has a favorite hold which he calls the "Mangle-Lock," a combination evolved from bronco busting and bulldozing.

Sander Szabo, the third member of the team, is a former World's Champion; and the Great Milo, whose extraordinary control of his muscles that he has won the title of the "Miracle Muscle Man."

The production of fat calves requires plenty of good pasture and roughage, and small amounts of concentrated, according to a Georgia extension service.

Production of fat calves is rapidly gaining in popularity on Georgia farms, according to the agricultural extension service.



MILK THE GREAT, better known as the miracle muscle man, will appear in Doughboy Stadium on May 17th when the Pepsi-Cola Company sends a Strangler Lewis and Pals exhibition bouts. Pipe the muscles, lads!

7th Co. Boasts Good Softball Club

Promising to give strenuous competition to other softball clubs of the Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment, the 7th Company has formed a team of veteran players headed by Lt. C. A. Angeles, recently of San Diego State and active in the California semi-pro ball.

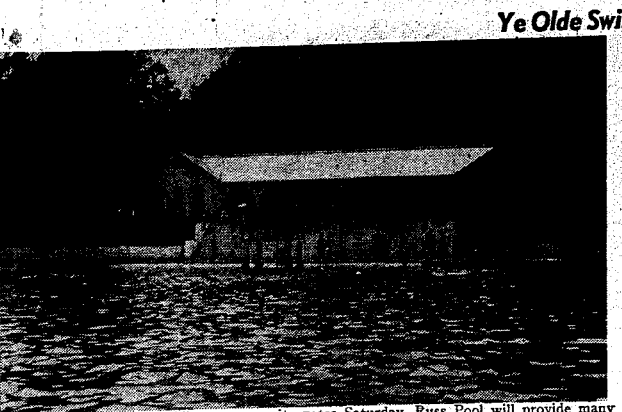
Assisting Lieutenant Angeles is Lt. R. D. Arnold, formerly of the Ohio State League. Arnold has been a member of the post teams at Camp Edwards and Davis.

Lt. J. M. Daniels has four years of college baseball at Texas A. & M. behind him, and Lt. A. G. Diefenbaugh has as many at Seawance in Tennessee. Another college star is Lt. E. C. Black, catcher for Maryville, Illinois, State Teachers.

Semi-pros include Lt. D. A. Leaton, East Ohio League; Lt. K. Roll of the Eastern Illinois League; Lt. L. N. Linticum of Baltimore City League, and Lt. S. C. Reick of the Windy City League, Chicago.



UMP ON TOP OF PLAY—Ballplayers frequently complain that the umps "don't see the play" but witness the photo above snapped at Todd Field last Sunday when the 4th Infantry Raiders toppled the 3rd Infantry Cockades. The runner is Dick Williams, Raider first baseman, while George Hazzard is the Cockade catcher. The plate umpire is Guy Holtzclaw, veteran of many years on Benning diamonds, and he was so close to the play here that he almost blocked the camera's eye. Williams was safe when the ball skittered away from Catcher Hazzard. (Official Infantry School Photo.)



RUSS POOL READY—All set to open its gates Saturday, Russ Pool will provide many a good swim for post enlisted personnel in the next few months. Shown above is a general scene taken last year of the middle of the pool and the bathhouse in background. At right, Chief Guard Bill Belgrade (in cap) gives last minute instructions to some of his



life-saving crew. Grouped around the chief are: Bill Lovensheimer (3rd Infantry); Harold Miller (4th Infantry); Don Nadeau (3rd Infantry); Wes Harden (843rd Q. M.); Tom Pearson (4th Infantry); and Bob Valvert (3rd Infantry). (Signal Lab Photo by Corp. Tony Carrington.)

Wolves Take Healthy Lead In TIS Race

Ten-Team Softball Loop Opens Tonight

1st STR Has Defeated Every Club in Circuit

By SGT. CHUCK VOORHIS

George Simmons and his 1st Student Training Regiment Wolves have something to work on as they start the second of the four rounds of play scheduled in The Infantry School Baseball League. The Wolves have met and defeated every team in the league to build up an unbeaten record for the first round.

And knowing that they can beat every team in the circuit gives them no little psychological edge over the teams they have vanquished. Some of their victories have been by close margins, notably the 2-1 win over the 3d STR Rifles and the 4-2 verdict over the Parachute School Troopers.

One of the Wolves' sweetest victories was over the Academic Profs at Gowdy Field Monday night when they tore into Rudy Rundus, big Prof right hander, for six runs in the ninth inning to wreck what was otherwise a very tight pitchers' battle. Jim Pendergast, Wolf southpaw, hung up his third straight win that night, and became the league's leading pitcher.

He had the Profs handcuffed at the end of the game, the one big blow off him being Elmer Niebler's second homer of the season. Rundus, too, had the Wolves under control, but he had over himself. The first Wolf tally was the result of a hit batsman and three walks, all coming in a row.

1st STR Squad Ready For Loop Opener Tonight

Not too strong on the mound, but hopeful of giving the champion Troopers a tough battle, the 1st Student Training Regiment meets the Parachute School Troopers tonight on the Jumpers' home grounds in its league opener.

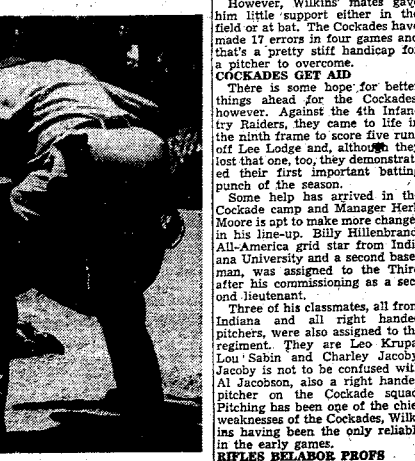
UNTIED TALENT

A promising, though largely untied array of talent, has been working out during the past week under 1st STR Coach Artie Wright, a Lockhart, S. C., boy who played four years of baseball for Bowling Spring, N. C. High school.

Charles H. Howard, Jr., umpire for the 1st Division when the outfit was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, is refereeing 1st Student Training Regiment workouts. Howard hails from Grantsville, in the Horse Creek valley of South Carolina.

TOWLES AT SHORT

Probable 1st STR shortstop is Tommie Towles, who played that position on the Como, Miss., senior Tiger nine from 1938 to '40. Towles' home is at Batesville, near Como.



COCKADES GET AID

There is some hope for better things ahead for the Cockades, however. Against the 4th Infantry Raiders, they came to life in the ninth frame to score five runs off Lee Lodge and, although they lost that one, they demonstrated their first important batting punch of the season.

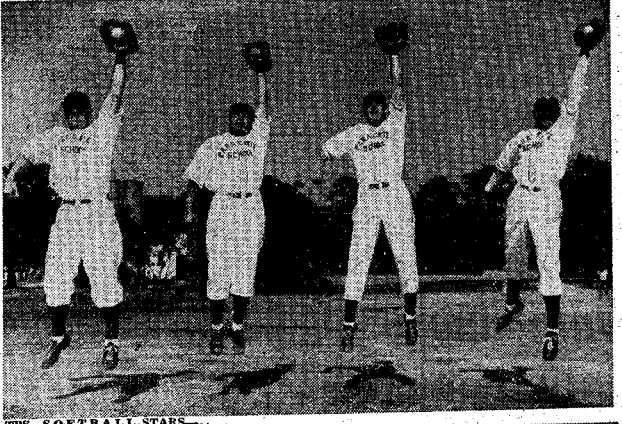
Some help has arrived in the Cockade camp and Manager Herb Moore is apt to make more changes in his line-up. Billy Hillenbrand, All-American grid star from Indiana University and a second baseman, was assigned to the third after his commissioning as a second lieutenant.

Three of his classmates, all from Indiana and all right handed pitchers, were also assigned to the regiment. They are Leo Krupp, Lou Sabin, and Charley Jacoby. Jacoby is not to be confused with Al Jacobson, also a right handed pitcher on the Cockade squad. Pitching has been one of the chief weaknesses of the Cockades, Williams having been the only reliable in the early games.

RIFLES BELABOR PROFS

Art Shively had a lively day with the stick as his 3d STR Rifles handed the Profs their first defeat Sunday. He had two hits including a home run and drove in five of his team's six tallies.

Ewell Blackwell turned in a fine pitching job again, winning his third game against one defeat.



TPS SOFTBALL STARS—Above is the high-leaping infield of the 1st Student Training Regiment Troopers. From left to right, they are Bundy, Youngerman, Nelson, and Waskul. At the right is Earl Varchmin, great Trooper hurler, who is slated to work the opener. (Signal Lab Photos by Sgt. Harley Ferguson.)

Lawson Host To Bibb Squad In League Opener

Two Benning Clubs Enter Columbus Senior Loop

Lawson Field's promising baseball nine will help open the Senior Amateur League on Sunday afternoon when the Filers entertain the Bibb Millers from Columbus at Gowdy Field in a 3:30 tilt. Meanwhile, the other Benning entry in the six-club loop, the Supply Detachment Ramblers, will invade the city for a clash with Columbus Mill at Bradley Field.

The two post teams entered the city circuit in a surprise move last week when the lack of a sufficient number of teams caused plans for a second post loop to be dropped by the athletic office. Phenix City Merchants and Pepsi-Cola complete the Senior League along with the teams already mentioned. The latter two play Sunday at Woodruff Field in the city.

SUNDAY ONLY

The six-club circuit, which is sponsored by the Columbus Sportsmen's Club, will operate only on Sundays with one or the other of the Benning teams playing at Gowdy Field every week in the league.

Blackie is the league's strikeout king, having whiffed 34 men in 29 innings he has pitched.

The Raiders, as a team, top the league in batting. Up until Tuesday night, they had a team mark of .328. Manager Les Peden was setting the pace with a mark of .625 and behind him were Johnny Johnson, Johnny Brenner, and Dick Williams, hitting at .375 and Ralph Danielson with .333.

Second in club hitting were the Rifles with a record of .306. Ken Elsie set the pace for the Gunsmiths with .437 and was followed by Stan Sharp and Sid Silverman, each with an even .400 and Bill King with .385.

WOLVES HIT .275

The Wolves are hitting around .273 with Big Milt Tico heading the parade with his mark of .450. Paul McCluskey, league's leading hitter last year is clipping the apple at a .353 gait so far and Bob Taylor, the catcher, is hitting .350. Can't overlook Tommy Gallivan either who is hitting at .375.

The Profs are in fourth place in the hitting department. Their record is .220 and their big guns are Garland Leving with .312 and George Hazzard's .300.

Fifth place goes to the Cockades whose record is .191, paced by Harry Donabedian's .353 and George Hazzard's .300.

Freddy Hatfield is the top hitter for the Troopers with .294, while the Troopers' team average is .161.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING OUTFIELDER

"The Case of the Missing Outfielder" momentarily baffled softball players of the 5th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School recently.

Lieutenant Amy S. Kay, of Wheaton, Ill., was the victim of a situation that in legal terms might be called an "Act of God."

During a noon game, Lt. Kay was playing right field. A batter hit a long, high fly toward him, and Kay was off to field the hit. Running at full speed, concentrating on retrieving his opponents, Kay suddenly dropped from sight. Only after the batter had stopped at third did the lieutenant, embarrassed but unhurt, emerge from a ditch.

Dakal was undoubtedly the mound choice of Frank Barnes, Ramblor scout, when the Supply Detachment goes to Brazos for its tilt with the C.M.C. nine which has compiled an enviable record in pre-season practice tilts.

The Stork Club at Camp Stewart, Ga., has no band and no floor show. It consists of three privates who together have 22 children. The allotments received by their respective wives total more than six hundred dollars a month. All three soldiers hail from the Carolinas. They are Hoke Jones, of Greenville, S. C.; Arthur Allison, of Gaffney, S. C.; and Charles Whitaker, of Black Mountain, N. C.

Champion TPS Tossers Open With 1st STR

Fort Benning's 10-team major softball league will open five different fields as the 1944 campaign gets under way. All games will be twilight affairs, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Feature tilt of the evening probably will take place at the Parachute School diamond near Lawson Field where the champion Troopers will start out in defense of the laurels they won a year ago behind the great pitching of Earl Varchmin, one of the nation's best.

WOLVES HOPEFUL

Opposing the Troopers tonight will be a brand new 1st STR 10 that is brim full of promise and prepared to give the Troopers a run for their money. But the Wolves will probably run smack up against Varchmin, who will undoubtedly be Coach Gil Bundy's choice to open the campaign for the 1943 titleholders.

Other bang-up games tonight will see the 4th Infantry Raiders invade Lawson Field for a clash with the Filers; the Station Hospital Medicos opposing the Academic Profs; and the 3rd Infantry Cockades invading the hospital area for a battle with the 135th Station Hospital Hopefuls; and the 3rd Infantry enter to invade the new 443rd Ordnance 10 in a Harmony Church clash.

TUESDAY CARD

Next Tuesday, five more games are on tap with Lawson Field playing at the 3rd STR, the Filers traveling to Harmony Church for a tilt with the 4th Infantry, the 135th playing 1st STR at the latter's field, the 3rd Infantry enter to invade the champion Troopers, and the Medicos entertaining 443rd Ordnance.

Shooting for their second consecutive post championship, The Parachute School "10" with player-coach, 1st Lt. Almon Bundy at the helm, opens the season tonight at 6:45 when they play host to the First Student Training Regiment Wolves.

Earl Varchmin, one of the nation's greatest twirlers, will be on the hill for the Troopers strutting his 15th year as a softball hurler. Varchmin's record is truly remarkable. He has pitched five different outings to state championships in Minnesota and Iowa, and in 1939, '40 and '41 he won the Nationals, reaching the semi-finals in 40 before being eliminated.

AMAZING RECORD

Last year Varchmin boasted a 17-game winning streak, nine of which were no-hit affairs. During this amazing string he was touched for just nine hits. Behind the stocky Iowaan the Troopers went to the Georgia State Tourney, and went all the way to the semi-finals to the Bell Bombers.

ALMOST AS GOOD

This year the Troopers will field a team that figures to be almost as powerful as last year's champs. John Boki will be behind the bat handling Varchmin's stuff, and the infield is set with Mercer Harlow at first, Harry Fenney at second, Phil Nelson at short, and Bundy, himself, at third. John Waskul, a holdover from last year's "10," patrols short field and Ed Murock, Eddie form pero, and Stan Nelson form per, are the outfield trio. Ed Youngerman, Clayton Price, Bill Anders, Bill Evans and Gerald Heiring round out the squad.

SEEK MORE GAMES

Coach Bundy is anxious to book additional games with teams in the Post and Class "A" tournaments and vicinity. Anyone desirous of playing should contact Sergeant Irving Kaye at Fort Benning, phone 3728.

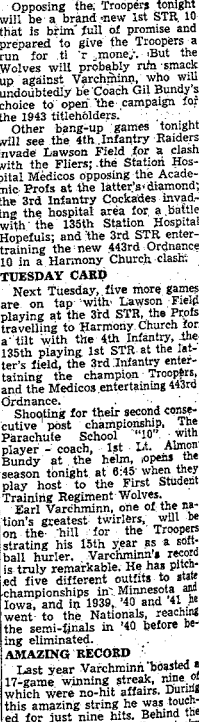


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Service League Gets Under Way Tonight

Champion 1st STR Nine Battles Tigers At New Reception Center Park

General Hobson Will Toss Out First Pitch In Brief Ceremony

By CPL. LEWIS SWINGLER

"King Baseball" tonight will officially take over rulership of sports in the Reception Center as the well-balanced R. C. Tigers meet the 1st STR Red Sox, defending champions, in the season's opener of the Service League at 6:30 p.m.

Both teams will bring together in the new Reception Center baseball park some of the flashiest players in colored baseball circles, and possibly a capacity attendance of 2,500 fans. Other opening night tins will pit the Medical Detachment against the 3rd STR Panthers in a clash tonight at Stroup Field in Harmony Church at 6:30, while the new Lawson Field contingent will oppose Headquarters Detachment at Gowdy Field at 7:30.

Sunday afternoon, a twin bill is on tap for the new Reception Center diamond when the Medicos meet Lawson Field at 1:30, and the R. C. Tigers take on the 3rd STR Panthers in the nightcap at 3:30. Next Monday night at 6:30, the 1st STR Red Sox will battle the Headquarters tilters in the same park.

The Red Sox won the Service League title for 1945, but during the Southeastern Service Tournament, the R. C. Tigers came tearing back from their lair to rip the Sox for the tournament pennant. Fans will be anxious to see who will win these two ace clubs of the league pick up tonight where they left off in a whirlwind of baseball action as the season closed last year.

HOBSON TO PITCH
Officials will be on hand to participate in brief ceremonies marking the opening of the new park. Brig. General William H. Hobson, post commander, will pitch the first ball, while Col. John P. Egerly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center, will do the catching. Lt. Col. William C. Tappin, Executive Officer of the Reception Center, will call the play as umpire to round out the ceremonial prelude.

The Tigers have a staff of five players, two of whom are southpaws. The moundmen are Roy Williams and Cecil Jones, left-handers; Edward (Peanuts) Davis, Fred Wilson, and James Zeble, the latter two outfielders as well as pitchers.

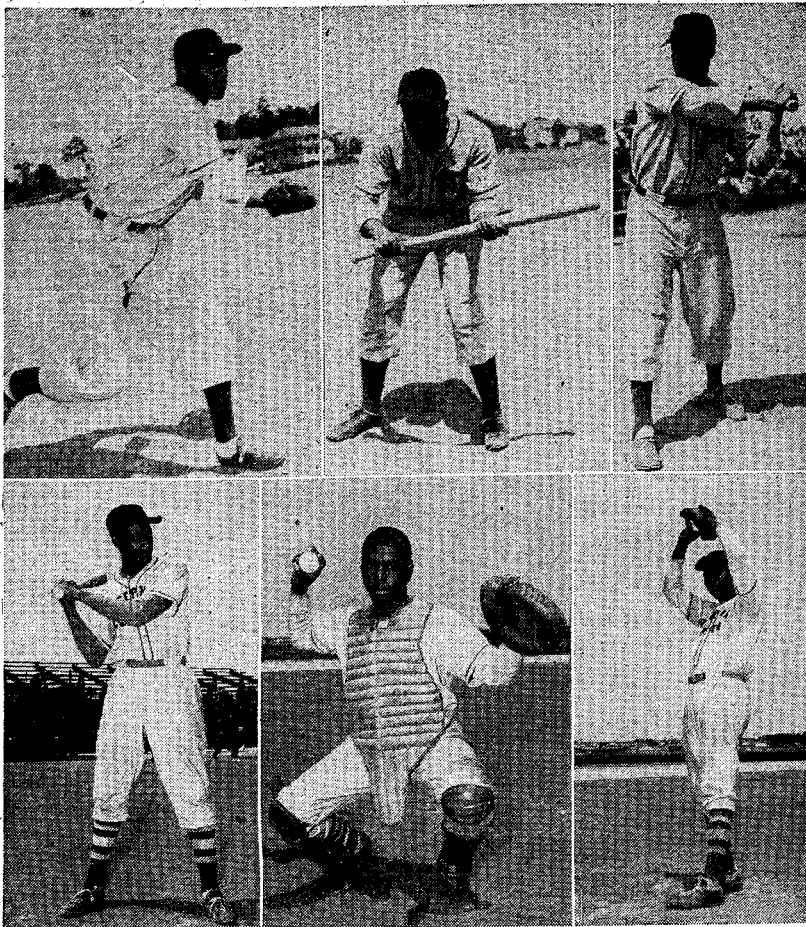
EX-CINCY CLOWNS
Wilson and Davis are fresh from the Cincinnati Clowns, who last year won the majority of their games during their regular season and on their exhibition tour. Wilson, who topped the mound for 12 victories and only three losses in 1945 with the Clowns, also had a batting average of .426. "Peanuts" Davis, known all over the country for his comedy antics, helped to make the Cincinnati Clowns one of the top drawing cards of the American League, but once on the playing end of baseball, he was a steady pitcher, and all-round utility man.

Hobson, Bell, catcher and outfielder, entered the armed service after turning in a good record with the Birmingham Black Barons last season. He did a large share of the catching for the team when the Birmingham Barons played the Cincinnati Clowns in the first half of the season in 1945.

MANY VETERANS
Other veteran players with the R. C. Tigers are Jones and Zeble, pitchers, formerly with the Atlanta Black Crackers; and Edward Yang, first baseman, who played with the Chicago American Giants.

Roy Wellmaker, pitcher-outfielder, manager of the club, and a left-hander, will probably be the starting pitcher for the

Former Professionals Ready For Battle Tonight



THESE SIX STANDOUT performers will be seen in action tonight at the new Reception Center Park when the 1st STR Red Sox tangle with the R. C. Tigers in their Service League opener. At top, left to right, are three, veteran 1st STR tilters: James Taylor, Robert Romby, and Eugene Randolph. All three are pitchers and also provide the big batting punch for the defending champs. At the bottom are three newcomers to the Tiger line. From left to right, they are: Peanuts Davis, noted comic and pitcher-outfielder from the Cincinnati Clowns; Herman Bell, who caught last year for the Birmingham Black Barons, first-half champs in the Negro American League; and Freddy Wilson, another Cincy Clown performer who does double duty as a pitcher or outfielder. (Photos of Red Sox by Infantry School—Photos of Tigers by Corp. Tony Carrington, Post Signal Lab.)

5th WAR LOAN

Radio will launch the V (for Victory & Vth) War Loan Drive on June 11, a day before the official campaign opens. . . . The ensuing days bring Flag Day on June 14 . . . Father's Day on June 18 . . . WAVES second anniversary on July 3 . . . Independence Day . . . Bastille Day July 14 and WAAC anniversary on July 20.

HUNCH RIGHT

Ed Sullivan entertains with the story of Tommy Harmon's man who insists the never one lost hope that her son, although reported missing, would turn up safe. When Tommy returned safely, there was a stack of mail from mother, dated for every day he was thought lost.

Japanese recruits are given a long course in spiritual instruction when they join the army. . . . Less than five per cent of Panama's tillable soil is under cultivation.

RUSS POOL—

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tain the permit a day in advance.

OTHER RULES
Other rules and regulations regarding the use of Russ Pool that will be strictly enforced, are:

(1) All bathers must be properly attired in bathing suits, and the use of transparent suits is prohibited. Men need not wear towels to their trunks.

(2) All bathers must properly

comply with the orders, instructions and requests of the pool attendants. Pool property will not be destroyed, defaced or damaged in any way.

(3) All bathers will take a shower bath with warm water and soap before entering the pool. Bathing suits will be removed during this bath and soap will be rinsed off with warm water.

(4) All bathers are forbidden to expectorate, blow the nose or spit water from the mouth into the pool.

(5) No articles of food or drink will be carried into the bath house or pool.

(6) Persons suffering from colds, sore eyes, sores, ear discharges, ulcers or skin diseases, or wearing bandages of any sort, or who are otherwise sick will not be permitted to enter the pool enclosure.

(7) Persons reporting the post surgeon as having an infectious disease, or being a carrier thereof, will not be permitted to enter the enclosure.

(8) No one other than pool attendants, pool supervisors, or bathers who have complied with these regulations and have presented proper identification permits will be permitted within the pool enclosure.

GARDENS—

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last of this month. A half acre of cabbage near the green potato plants also appeared to be near maturity and probably will be harvested within the next month, he added.

"The farmers" whose best-laid gardens have had to be replanted

because of the unprecedented rains of recent weeks probably will agree with Manager Bell on one thing. Looking at an acre of land which he twice had prepared for planting only to have the rain ruin his work, the farm manager mused:

"Talking about card-playing being gambling, why farming is the biggest gamble in the world. You just never can tell."

Lack of labor also is a handicap in cultivating the PX's 20 acre farm and may prevent putting into cultivation the additional 25 acres of land which Col. McGaffey had cleared during the winter. Incidentally, one hundred cords of wood, cut from the cleared land, was turned over to the post engineer for use on the post.

At present, the farm manager has only himself and a colored helper, who lives on the farm with his wife. Between them they already have two acres of corn sprouting a couple of inches out of the ground, an acre of snap beans bearing maturity, and a half acre of black-eye peas. Tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, spinach, radishes, collards and mustard greens are among the other fresh vegetables that will be grown on the PX farm.

IF RAINS STOP

"If we could get help, we would be able to place quite a bit more land in cultivation—if the rains stop," Bell said.

Produce grown on the farm will be sold at the PX grocery and thus will help feed Benning's military personnel and their families during the summer months. Last summer the PX farm helped keep fresh vegetables on the tables of Benning homes when the vitamin-

rich produce otherwise would have been scarce.

Col. McGaffey has a personal victory garden of his own on the grounds of his quarters at 103 Rainbow Drive. The colonel already has planted 36 rows of tomatoes on the 6 by 50 foot plot of ground. Other vegetables include lettuce, radish, beans, parsley and onions. The colonel also has a flower garden featuring rose bushes, petunias, morning glories, sweet peas and nasturtiums.

FINE EXERCISE

"Victory gardening is very fine exercise in addition to helping the war effort by growing badly-needed vegetables," Col. McGaffey said. "Last year my own garden produced enough tomatoes to last us for four months, snap beans for three months, and radish and lettuce for a month."

Data on other victory gardens about the post.

Soldiers at the Reception Center are growing an acre of beans, corn, tomatoes, okra, pepper, and egg plant in their spare time.

"Our victory garden paid us heavy dividends last year," Capt. Leo L. Orenstein of Station Hospital, reported. "Last year we had all the fresh tomatoes we could eat and in addition my wife canned 20 quarts for use during the winter. We also grew two or three bushels of cucumbers and some watermelons that weighed as much as 28 pounds."

This year the captain has a 50 by 75 foot plot in the hospital area in which he is growing 12 different kinds of vegetables, with heavy emphasis again on tomatoes and cucumbers. He also has planted plenty of carrots, beans, cantaloupes, and corn for that famed dish "roasting ears."

"Some of our vegetables washed up and had to be replanted," Captain Orenstein said, "but the garden is doing very nicely otherwise."

Major Robert P. Langley, of the Reception Center, has a good-sized plot on the grounds of his quarters at 202 Austin Loop planted with turnips, onions, egg plants, carrots, beans, cucumbers and mustard greens.

A 4 by 18 foot plot at the quarters of Lt. Col. Robert B. Jones of The Infantry School, is filled with radishes, lettuce, beans, tomatoes, beans, peas, corn and peppers.

There are hundreds of other victory gardens scattered throughout Fort Benning. The GI "farmers" are confident that, if the rains just don't come again too heavily, they will produce fresh vegetables for their families this summer—and have some left over to be canned for the winter.

MOM'S DAY—

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will be pronounced by Chaplain Aaron Walden, Jewish chaplain; there will be music by the two bands and the Reception Center Chorus as well as the Chapel Choir and a solo by Staff Sergeant Rawn Spearman. Gen. Hobson will make a brief talk of welcome and Lt. Col. John W. Westermann, chief of chaplains, will introduce the mothers. Chaplain William Hunt, Catholic chaplain, will pronounce the benediction.

After the program, the mothers will attend church services of their own faiths with their sons, and then will spend the remainder of the day with them in their own company areas.

FINNEGAN—

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time with the Army of Occupation in Germany after the war.

WON SILVER STAR
During the famed Argonne drive, he commanded a machine gun company in the 3rd Division as a lieutenant, and was later awarded the Silver Star for meritorious action in combat. He wears five battle clasps, the Victory Medal, the medal for Germany occupation, one for the Mexican Border campaign, and the American Defense Medal for a year's service in this war prior to Pearl Harbor.

DEVELOPED POST PROGRAM
While at Fort Benning, Colonel Finnegan supervised the development of a vast war-time recreational and athletic program. At the time of his departure, he was directly in charge of twelve theaters, seven service clubs, six libraries, six guest houses, two swimming pools and Benning's extensive athletic facilities which include innumerable playing fields and gymnasiums.

The athletic program, alone, was expanded manifold under Colonel Finnegan's direction with intramural leagues being formed which provided more contests between teams at the post rather than a few contests between post teams and others from outside the reservation.

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Lt. Col. Alexander Veazey, who has served for some time as assistant special service officer as well as post food supervisor, has been named acting chief of the division until a successor to Colonel Finnegan is named.

EDGERLY—

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Leavenworth, Kans. He was senior instructor of the Vermont National Guard for 12 years until he retired as a major in 1934. Col. Edgerly was recalled to active duty in October, 1940, and the following May was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

The Reception Center's Commanding Officer was promoted to full colonel on Nov. 17, 1942, shortly after he came to Fort Benning.

HATS OFF—

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round boxing match that is a comedy classic. Bobby gained his first stage experience with the famous Gus Edwards. He filled in for the inimitable Joe Penner when "Dixieland" was such a popular attraction as "Cocktails at Five," "Firstly," "Full Speed Ahead," and "Hollywood Hotel" where he replaced Willie Howard.

The comedian also had a thirteen week run with Guy Lombardo's band on the "Esso" program over the Columbia network. He's also taken a crack at the films and has done Warner Brothers shorts as well as appeared in revues with Paul Silvers and Abbott and Costello.

Real "piece de resistance" of

the coming show, however, may well be charming Joyce Beazelle, a musical comedy and high-kick acrobatic dancer. Joyce does her lovely acrobatic dancing to classical tunes and displays grace as well as skill and novelty.

DANCED IN MEXICO

Before embarking on the current tour with "Hats Off," Miss Beazelle danced in many smart clubs in this country and also toured Mexico where officials invited her to give her version of the "Jarabe Tapatio," the national dance, at the annual bull fight spectacle at the Plaza Delos Toros.

Complementing these headlines will be Fitz and Carroll, a clever comedy dance team; Dave August, pianist and musical director who will work with the 22nd band from Benning; and providing the orchestral accompaniment; and Lionel Murray, who "stooges" for Bobby Morris.

The complete schedule of time and place for the full week's performances of "Hats Off" will be announced in next week's Bayonet.

'POP' BURT—

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War I, the Sergeant was transferred for the First Division Ammunition Train, which was preparing for overseas shipment at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In the spring of 1918, this unit went to the front, remaining there until the Armistice was signed. They hauled ammunition in the following campaigns: Montfidiere, Noyan, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne Offensive, and Argonne Defensive, for which participation Sergeant Burt received the Victory Medal and Battle Clasp.

Following the Armistice in 1918, the Sergeant was a member of the Occupation Army stationed at Coblenz, Germany, and the surrounding area. He remained with the Army of Occupation about eleven months, then was returned to the United States.

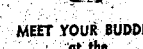
JOINS UP AGAIN

Pop spent the following twenty-two years as a civilian, but the reverberations of this present conflict caused the old warrior to be enlisted with the Georgia National Guard. After four months of war work, he gave up his job as spot welder at a Rockford, Illinois, War Plant and reenlisted for service.

Sergeant Burt is now with Company "B," First Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School. He is still full of fight and thinks the new army is much better equipped and trained than our forces were in the last war.

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Prof Sarge Was Cook For Eisenhower, Clark

"General Eisenhower's favorite food," says Sgt. Ray Crabtree, of F Company, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, who cooked for the general during the African invasion, "was hot biscuits with butter. And no matter how good or bad the food was the general always had a kind word for the mess."

During the three months that he was on detached service as personal cook to the commanding general, Crabtree also cooked for Gen. Mark Clark and all of the dignitaries who visited the "stars."

"I enjoyed the assignment, naturally," says Crabtree, "but whenever the generals came back from tours of the front I got a bit lonely for my outfit, which was in the thick of the fight, and I finally asked to be sent back to the lines."

TRAP 14 CRUTISTS
Crabtree's heavy weapons company, which he had landed on the African invasion coast early in November, was on its way to Gafsa, Tunisia, when he resumed his job as mess sergeant at the front.

"We caught 14 parachutists while on patrol and then we went to El Guettar, where my whole kitchen got knocked out one afternoon. Four kitchens in all were bombed when the planes came down the line and the mess sergeant on the right of us lost a few men. But believe it or not, we all had new kitchens the first thing in the morning—the Quartermaster Corps was on the ball."

Not only were the eight men in his kitchen subject to constant bombing and strafing, but they ran the gamut of fire every time they took food up to the lines.

"I always detailed one man to cover us while we carried the food up. He'd keep the snipers down and we'd get through all right. Back in Algiers we sometimes had to go as much as 15 or 20 miles to take a hot meal to the front."

IMPROVISE A LOT
A mess sergeant in the field has to do a lot of "improvising," Crabtree recalls. "You don't know from one minute to the next what you're going to do or get. Often I served British field rations or even captured food, if it was in sealed containers."

"I tried to serve the men in the lines a piece of pastry at least once a day. You'd be surprised how they always wanted pastry—they'd

really complain if some doughnuts or pie or buns didn't come up with the coffee. They liked soup, too, especially when they were back for a rest. Whenever we took up the food we always got a good reception—you could see in the men's faces that they were happy to get the food."

American morale was very high all through the campaign, Crabtree says. "We went there for the purpose of winning and we did."

But German morale was good, too, even though it appeared that all Germans didn't believe in Nazism.

GERMANS TOPS
"The Germans are tops as soldiers," Crabtree recalls. "They have great self-respect and pride in their uniforms. When we asked them why they didn't quit sooner they said 'Why don't YOU quit? For the same reason—you're soldiers.'"

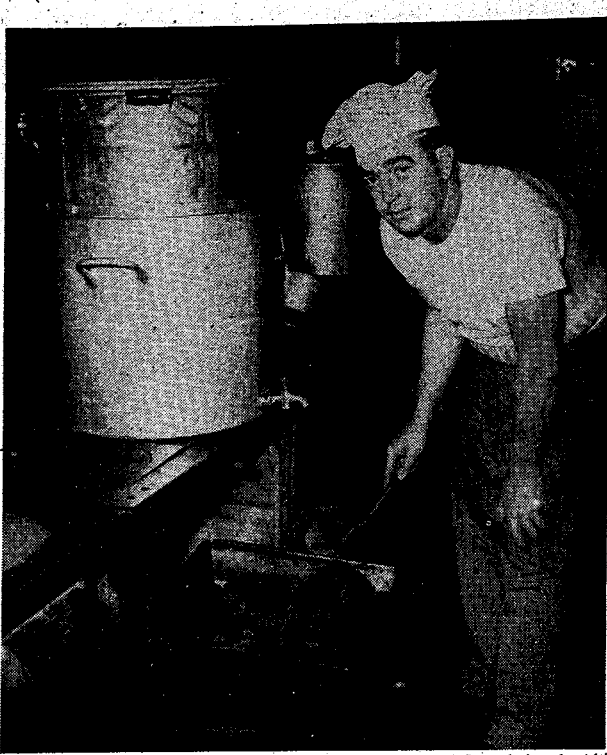
"You could always tell which of the prisoners were Nazis and which were just Germans. The older Germans knew they were licked—the arrogant teen-agers were usually the Nazis. They actually seemed like two different nationalities. Most of the Germans, incidentally, just don't believe in the 'superman' theory. When we captured them, they hadn't eaten for four or five days, and we had to feed them too while waiting for our own men."

Crabtree, a native of Abingdon, Va., learned how to cook when he served an enlistment in Hawaii during the twenties. Back in civilian life he worked as a cook in hotels and restaurants in Virginia until 1940, when he reenlisted as a regular. This time he was decided to stick it out as a "thirty year man."

SHIP TORPEDOED
Action started for him on November 7, 1942, when his ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean and had to be towed to port by British destroyers. When the Yanks landed Crabtree set up his kitchen under fire and from the initial invasion to the end of the campaign in May he was on active duty in the African theater.

Returned recently to the States under the policy of rotation of troops, he is now understanding S-Sgt. J. Benson, mess sergeant of F Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

Germany's 1939 production of oil was estimated by U. S. experts at nearly four and one-half million barrels.



SGT. RAY CRABTREE, who cooked for Generals Eisenhower and Clark during the African campaign, prepares dinner for the men of F Company, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, where he is now assigned under the policy of troops rotation. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Soldier Voting Law As It Now Stands

A lot of GIs are probably wondering exactly what is the deal on soldier voting in 1944, now that election year of 1944, now that Congress, after months of debate, has passed a bill on that complex and controversial problem. Well, here's the lowdown released by Capt. John W. Inzer, post soldier voting officer.

The new act of Congress on soldier voting, which officially became Public Law 277 at 8:01 a. m. the morning of Apr. 1, is really not much different in principle from the previous law. It still leaves most of the voting procedure in the hands of the individual states rather than the Federal Government. It does provide for a Federal "official" absentee ballot.

Under the new law, a soldier who is outside the U. S. and who is not permitted to use that kind of ballot unless his own state approves the use of it and allows it to be counted. We will not be able to tell you whether or not your particular state allows the use of the Federal ballot or how it will be distributed until July 15, the day the state governors will inform the U. S. War Ballot Commission officially whether their state laws authorize the Federal ballot.

PREVAILING CONDITIONS
If your state does recognize the Federal ballot, you will be allowed to use it only under two conditions:

1. If you are either within or outside the U. S. and you are not a state which has no state absentee voting provisions but which permits the use of the Federal ballot.

2. If you are outside the U. S. and your state permits the use of the Federal ballot and if you take an oath testifying that you apply for a state absentee ballot before Sept. 1 and did not receive it before Oct. 1.

Nothing in the act restricts the right of a soldier to vote under his state absentee voting laws, and that goes for primary and special elections as well as the big one in November. The act tries to make it easier for GIs to vote with state absentee ballots by recommending to the states the substitution of WD post cards for complicated special application forms, the limit of weight and bulk of ballots, and fast delivery to make ballots available to soldiers 45 days before the election.

LAW COVERS ALL—BUT
The new law covers all members of the armed forces, but it leaves the eligibility of some members of the Merchant Marine and of certain "attached civilians," such as members of the Red Cross and the USO, to the individual states.

Even members of the armed forces must be careful, however, to observe all the particular requirements of their individual states. Some states, for instance, may require absentee voters to go through special registration or to pay poll taxes before they are allowed to mark a ballot. Public Law 277 allows a waiver of registration and poll taxes only when the Federal ballot is used. If there are any doubts in your mind about whether or not you are eligible to vote under your state absentee voting laws, write a letter to the secretary of state in your state capital and ask him about it.

After you find out whether you are eligible, you can get a state absentee ballot by the same method as usual—WD post cards. The new law provides for a new kind of post card which goes into more detail than the old card (WD-AGO 560). It provides spaces for your date of birth, home address and length of residence there, voting district, choice of party ballot for primary elections and spaces to print your name and serial number and write your signature.

However, there are still lots of the old cards around, so you may be using them, too. If you do use an old card, remember to write your party on it if you want a state primary ballot and remember to print your name and serial number on it in addition to writing your signature.

WITNESSES
The old card also called for the signature of a commissioned officer. But the new law authorizes not only officers but also warrant officers, noncoms above the rank of corporal and Navy petty officers to administer and witness oaths on post-card applications for ballots.

From then on, the procedure of getting an absentee ballot and voting depends on the laws of your state. Some states will send you ballots as soon as they receive the post card. Others will send you an application when they receive the post card and you must fill it out and return this application before receiving a ballot. The War Department will deliver post cards before Aug. 15 to overseas soldiers in the November elections and before Sept. 15 to soldiers in the U. S., unless military conditions do not allow the delivery.

The Bayonet will do its best to keep you posted from time to time on the various state laws—when you require you to mail the post card and when they require you to mail the applications or the ballots. The new act of Congress, in order to get the ballots back to the state before the election deadline, provides for them to travel from overseas by free air mail. Other points of the new law.

lots" cast by Illinois GIs in the Apr. 11 primary are valid. In Pennsylvania, Florida, Maryland and New Jersey "official war ballots" already executed will be regarded as regular state absentee ballots, and soldiers from those states who have already applied for "official war ballots" won't have to get state absentee ballots. But in the future, soldiers from those four states should request state absentee ballots either in accordance with state law or by sending WD post cards to their secretaries of state.

The Bayonet will report on the ways and means of getting the Federal ballot, provided by the new law, when that information becomes available in July. In the meantime, if there is anything else

that you want to know about the new soldier voting regulations, look up WD Circular 128, 3 April 1944.

STATES FRANKS
The following states are holding primary elections in May. Absentee ballot may be secured by sending postcard WD-AGO 560 to the Secretary of State. This should be done at once. The states and dates follow:

California, 18 May; New Jersey, 18 May; North Carolina, 27 May; Ohio, 9 May; Oregon, 18 May; South Dakota, 9 May and West Virginia, 11 May. West Virginia soldiers should write on WD post card that he wished to apply for "request for State Absentee Ballot Application."

Alabama, Florida, Indiana and Maryland held primaries early this week.

The following states will hold primaries in June and July:

Georgia—Primary, 4 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with Georgia law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia.

Idaho—Primary, 13 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 1 June. Application may be made either in accordance with Idaho law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Boise, Idaho.

Iowa—Primary, 5 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 11 April. Application may be made on a special form furnished by Iowa. This special application form may be secured either by writing to the Secretary of State, Des Moines, Iowa (or to appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the official post card on which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

Michigan—Primary, 13 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 12 June. Application may be made either in accordance with Michigan law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan.

Minnesota—Primary, 10 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 10 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Minnesota law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mississippi—First primary, 4 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 4 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Mississippi law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Mississippi. (The run-off primary will be held on 29 Aug.)

North Dakota—Primary, 27 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 1 May. Application may be made either in accordance with North Dakota law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Oklahoma—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 7 July. Application may be made either in accordance with Oklahoma law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of the County Election Board of the county in which the soldier has voting residence, writing on both sides of the card the name and address of such County Election Board.

Washington—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 27 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Washington law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Olympia, Wash. (Adapted From "Voting")

Cash income from sale of Georgia farm products was at least 10 per cent greater in 1943 than in 1942, the Extension Service says.

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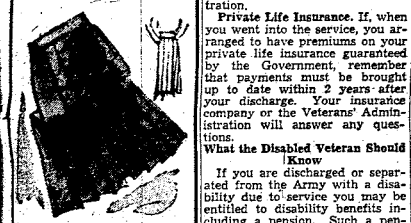
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your right to file a claim for pension and, if you wish, assisted in making application for this benefit before you leave the Army.

The proper form for making application for disability pension is V. A. 526. You can make a claim on this form at any time after discharge or release from active duty. Copies can be obtained at any Army installation, from any Red Cross office, or from any office of the Veterans' Administration. At any of these places you can obtain whatever help you need in filling out the form.

Even though you sign a statement, at the time of your discharge, saying that you do not desire to file application for pension, this will not prevent you from filing at any later date.

Officers released because of disability and not entitled to retirement pay, have the right to file a claim for disability pension and have their rights to this benefit determined by the Veterans' Administration.

Handling Your Claim. It is not necessary to hire a lawyer to secure benefits and you are advised not to do so. Nevertheless, if you are unable to employ local assistance, if you want to, fees for legal services on pension claims are limited by law.

You may consult your local chapter of Red Cross, the nearest office of the Veterans' Administration or other organization for advice and aid in connection with your claim for benefits. This will be furnished to you free.

Your "C" Number. The first claim filed by a veteran is assigned a claim number. This is commonly referred to as a "C" number. It never changes. All later claims will come under the "C" number regardless of when the disability arises. The Veterans' Administration thus maintains a continuous record in one file. Further claims should never be submitted as if they were original proceedings, but all should bear the first "C" number assigned. To save time and trouble in handling your papers, keep a record of your "C" number just as you should do with your Army serial number.

Veterans' Administration Makes Final Decision.Not the Army. Your Army medical board makes a report on your disability, but the final decision as to pension or other benefits rests with the Veterans' Administration. Even though an Army medical board has decided against you, you have the privilege of filing a claim directly with the Veterans' Administration if you disagree and believe that you are entitled to disability benefits.

No soldier needs to be reminded that an undeserving claim wastes the time of officials and delays the rights of other men. But don't hesitate to make application when you believe that your claim is fair and proper.

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If you need medical service or dental care not requiring hospitalization, this too will be provided. This service includes medicine, appliances, bridgework, etc., but of course, the condition must have been caused or aggravated in line of duty by your military service. Any veteran who is so disabled as to be unable to earn a living, and is without adequate means of support may apply for admission to one of the numerous Veterans' Homes located throughout the country.

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Captain Charles C. W. Howland of 32 Freeman Street, Tallapoosa, Ga., who attended The Infantry School in 1942, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" in Italy.

With a unit of three officers and 50 enlisted men, Captain Howland occupied four small islands off the Italian mainland and captured three German officers and 113 enlisted men at the cost of only one minor casualty.

The first island they captured was Venetotene. Given the mission to occupy the island, Captain Howland and his small group landed on the beaches during the early morning hours of September 9, 1943.

Advance information was that the island was unoccupied, but from native inhabitants it was learned that there was a German garrison of three officers and 92 men holding a strongly fortified defensive position. Threatening the enemy troops with annihilation at the hands of a much larger force with heavy guns, Captain Howland obtained the surrender of the German garrison.

A few days later Captain Howland and his group occupied the island of Procida and captured its garrison. While on this island they were fired upon from the Italian mainland. He promptly returned the fire with Italian guns found on the island and silenced the German guns.

In subsequent operations Captain Howland's unit captured two other islands.

Captain Howland attended the Parachute Course at The Infantry School in the spring of 1942.

Fever As Dangerous a Foe As Japs, Jungle Vets Say

Malaria is as dangerous a foe as the Jap, agree two veterans of the 37th Division whom the disease knocked out of the fight on Guadalcanal.

They are Privates First Class Paul S. Farquar of Middletown, Ohio, and Codell Furr of Lancaster, S. C. Both soldiers have been assigned to The Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment, Furr to Headquarters Company and Farquar to the 20th Company.

Farquar joined the Army in January, 1941, and trained with the 37th Division. Fifteen months later he sailed for the South Pacific and in November, 1942, moved into Guadalcanal. Private Farquar came down with malarial fever and had to be evacuated after three months on the island.

"Keep away from those mosquitoes," he warns. "They're almost as bad as Japs. And there's nothing pleasant about malaria. I was released from the hospital several times only to have another attack get me down."

Inducted in January, 1942, Furr

took basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He shipped overseas as a replacement in May, '42, and reached Guadalcanal in February, 1943. Malaria picked him off in May and sent him to British Samoa for hospitalization.

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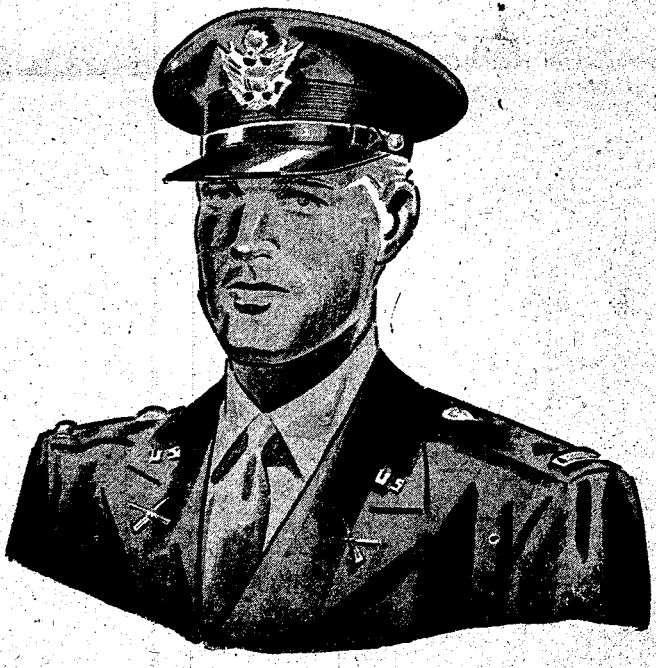
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Battle Veteran Recounts Saga Of Famed Hill 609

By PFC. AL SMITH
Today Staff Sergeant Andrew Vanyo works in the peaceful, quiet atmosphere of the training film library at the Post Signal Office—but just about a year ago this time it was a different story.

It was the opposite of quiet and peaceful where Vanyo was stationed in the spring of 1943. For last April he and his outfit—the Third Battalion of the First Division's 18th Infantry Regiment—were trying to help capture the famed Hill 609. However, they weren't there that May night when American soldiers with fixed bayonets finally took the bloody German strongpoint.

"Our battalion was on the 45th Division's right flank at Hill 609," Vanyo explained. "We suffered such heavy losses that we finally were withdrawn—and we hadn't gained a yard. Only 28 men in Company E of our battalion came back from Hill 609."

The slight, blond sergeant stopped and stood to space. "Fort Benning is a wonderful place," he murmured. "It's so very quiet—and peaceful."

This big, bustling military city no doubt does seem quiet and peaceful to a soldier who spent nearly seven of his 15 months overseas in front line action. Vanyo, a communications sergeant, who went to England with the First Division in August, 1942, landed with the first wave of invasion forces at Oren, Algeria, November 8, 1942. From there, until the Battle of Sicily ended the following August, the sergeant was in front line action most of the time.

SEVEN MONTHS AT FRONT
"I guess I must have spent nearly seven months in the front lines during the North African and Sicilian campaigns," Vanyo estimated. "We weren't under fire all that time, of course. Sometimes we'd go for three or four days without being shot at, but other times it was not and heavy."

During the seven months of front line action, Vanyo was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at El Guettar. He also earned the right to wear quite a few battle stars, but he isn't sure of the exact number. It's at least five, though he thinks it may run as high as seven.

"There wasn't much time for paper work over there," he explained drily. "Our battalion was surrounded by the Germans for three days at El Guettar." Vanyo related. "We were up on a ledge and the Germans kept coming up at us so fast that we nearly ran out of ammunition. Some of the boys actually threw rocks at them. I saw my first hand to hand combat there. It didn't last very long—and our boys won. Finally, General Patton's tanks came up to help and we drove the Germans off."

Vanyo played an important role in getting the reinforcements there—and was awarded the Silver Star as a result. Usually his job as battalion communications sergeant was to keep the phone lines open between the frontlines and battalion headquarters. However,

his battalion commander sent him back to keep the communications to the rear open after the Germans had surrounded the unit.

PINNED DOWN 3 DAYS
After repairing the wires, Vanyo and his men discovered they could neither return to battalion headquarters nor continue on to the rear areas. So they dug in and stayed there for three days under continuous fire while they kept the phone lines repaired and functioning.

One of the staff sergeant's narrowest escapes in months of laying and repairing wire under fire came as the Division landed at Gela on D-Day of the Sicilian invasion.

"Our big landing craft came into land in the pitch black dark," he related. "We struck a sandbar offshore but everyone thought we had hit the beach, so the landing ramps went down and we started wading out into the water. After a few yards, however, the water got over our heads. In order to save myself, I had to dump my rifle, pack, telephone and wire. I finally got safely ashore—but some officers and men didn't make it."

"It was kind of lonesome there on the beach for awhile with no rifle, but I joined up with boys from the other boats and we kept going inland. Later in the day I was sitting under an olive tree, still with no rifle, watching German tanks trying to surround us. Prison camp would be like when our Navy opened up offshore and blasted the Nazi tanks. After a while I found myself a rifle, telephone and wire and started laying wire again."

BOOBY TRAPS DEADLY
Booby traps took a big toll in the two campaigns Vanyo said. Sometimes, he added, it seemed as if they cost more lives than anything else.

"I had a narrow escape from a booby trap myself one time," he continued. "I was checking up on my wire when I noticed a big arbor loaded with grapes off at one side. After months of eating nothing but C and K rations, the thought of grapes made my mouth water. I wandered over and started to pick some when I happened to notice the ground had recently been dug up around the trunk of the arbor. Personally, I'm a city boy but even so it seemed to me that there was no point in working around the vines after the grapes are ripe. So I got out of there hurriedly."

"A little later I came back with some engineers. They looked it over carefully and one of them said, 'Sister, round, but we'll show you what would have happened if you'd picked one of those grapes.' They dug a heavy string around one bunch of grapes. They then scrambled into a big hole thirty yards away—and were pulled in a string. No more grapes arbor—and no more Vanyo if I'd picked a grape!"

Vanyo's outfit came around the left flank of Mt. Elma, with the Canadians and the British on their right. They were in the mountains near Messina when the Germans finally were driven from the Italian island.

"We just rested there for awhile," the sergeant explained. "It was good to rest. For months we'd lived on C and K rations. The only clothes we had were those we were given and few chances we got to wash them. We had to go around without any clothes until they dried. After laying wire from one end of Sicily to the other, I was ready for a rest."

While they were resting up, word came down from headquarters that each company would be



WHEN STAFF SERGEANT ANDREW VANYO, of the Post Signal Corps training film library, runs off combat pictures for Fort Benning soldiers, he can add some first-hand experiences of his own. Vanyo spent nearly seven months in the front lines of North Africa and Sicily and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Now he is assigned to Supply Division, Supply Detachment, Section 1, Station Complement. Vanyo is shown above as he runs off a training film at the Signal Corps office. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



HUP! HUP! HOVER! Cpl. Felix Alonzo, who has put elephants and lions through their paces in the "biggest show on earth," gives Rex, a member of the K-9 Corps, a workout in the main circuit of the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, to which he is assigned as a trainer with the WAG Demonstration unit attached to E. Company. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Jungle Diet Saved Officer From Jap Fire

"If jungle diet hadn't reduced my waist, I'd have been a dead duck that time," said Lt. George West, a graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School. He had been lying on his back in a tank rut, attending to a wounded man of his unit while Japs knocked dust from the top of the rut with two machine guns. The wind from the bullets made his jacket flap, declared West, whose home is in Eldridge, Calif. That call was the high spot in an eight-hour day replete with sudden death for the Nips. He and 25 men of his platoon accounted for 250 dead Japs, as near as they could tell, while they themselves lost three men, with six wounded.

ENEMY INFILTRATES

The enemy, during the night, had infiltrated an area vital to operations, and Lieutenant West and his men were sent to drive them away. Tanks led the attack, with the rifle-armed Infantry allowed to pick one man to be transferred back home. Vanyo was the lucky man in his company.

KISSED U. S. SOIL

"When I stepped ashore last November 7, I felt so good about being home again that I knelt down and kissed the good old United States soil," Vanyo said reminiscingly.

After a 21 day furlough at home, Vanyo was assigned to the 106th Division, which very promptly left its camp for three months of maneuvers in Tennessee. After that, Vanyo was about to be sent overseas again as a replacement. However, he flunked the physical this time and several weeks ago was assigned to the Station Complement here. He is with Supply Division, Supply Detachment, Section 1.

bringing up the rear. The Nips were encountered sooner than expected. In the first ten minutes, West accounted for seven Japs. His magazine of 15 cartridges empty, he dropped his carbine and picked up the Garand, M1, of a wounded soldier. That was the start of an expenditure of seven bandoleers, about 700 rounds, of rifle ammunition.

Spotting a Jap pillbox, West and his men hit the ground. The Lieutenant was the only one who could see the entrance. Covered by his men, he picked off 20 of the Japs as they filed out. inching along, they came to a creek bank with about 50 Japs lying below. When the Americans began to fire, the Japs climbed to holes they had dug. The Yanks hung around and potted the enemy troopers as they peeked from their hiding place.

CLIMBS "BLIND-SPOT"

"If it hadn't been for Sergeant Marion Cole, I wouldn't have come out alive," the Lieutenant said. "He kept me covered when I needed cover. Another thing, don't forget that 25 other men of my platoon were out there, too, going through the same thing that I was."

West, then a corporal, entered the Officer Candidate School of the Infantry School in April, 1942, and was commissioned upon his graduation July 16, 1942.

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Ex-Circus Animal Trainer Still Goes for Big-Top

First on line this week to get a free soldier's ticket to the Hippodrome Thrill Circus, now playing in Columbus, was Cpl. Felix Alonzo, former elephant trainer of the "big top," currently handling dogs with the K-9 Corps out in E. Company, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School.

"I want to get a good look at that bear act," said Alonzo, who has been featured in the "biggest show on earth" and was born into a family of four generations of circus stars. "I just can't stay away from the circus—even as a spectator."

WITH RINGLING
A soldier now for three years, Alonzo was at the peak of his circus career during the thirties, when he was with the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey and Christy (Cole) showed his usual consisted of putting his "bulls" (elephants, male and female) through the routine of headstands and marching to music, with "Mo" Alonzo's dog is "Rex," a dancing number. Garbed in the colorful breeches, tail coat and boots of circus life, Alonzo carried a "bull hook," shaped like a lumber hook, which he used gently on the tender part of the ears of his beasts to get the desired responses. "I don't do it you know have any serious trouble with his animals."

"Once in Chicago 'Rosie' one of my elephants got away and started a parking lot," Alonzo recalls, "and she pushed over two cars. When I arrived she calmed down. But there was a lot of excitement to do."

Another time "King," one of his lions, got "moody" and swung at the boss, tearing the corner of his mouth.

"When they get that way, you have to turn the hose on them or use poles to keep them off," says Alonzo, "but usually you don't have much trouble if you know

your business. You must respect your animals, use the proper tone of voice, show signs of happiness when they do things right—praise is an important factor in animal training."

SOLD HIS ANIMALS
In '39 Alonzo started to sell his animals, knowing that he would soon be in uniform. After 16 months with an Infantry service company he was transferred, last summer to the K-9 Corps. It was his first experience with dogs, but his first experience with all animals are basically the same, so Alonzo has fitted in well in his present assignment.

The WAGs attached to E Company are a demonstration unit, and so Alonzo's principal job is to help put on demonstrations for school classes in the morning. In the afternoon the 18 soldiers who handle the dogs take them, through the obstacle course and give them their special training. Alonzo's dog is "Rex," a Belgian sheep dog whose specialty is casualty work.

BORN IN CIRCUS
Felix Alonzo was born in the Ringling Brothers' circus, where his mother, "handled" elephants and his father trained them. When he was in his mid-teens he spent his summer vacations away from Springfield, Mass. Technical High school as a "cage man," cleaning the living quarters of the animals and shifting them from cage to cage. In this way he learned how to handle them, and when he was about 15 he was able to take his first crack at training a trio of young lions.

"I used the bait method—I'd hang a piece of meat above the pedestal and guide them up with a pole. They got the idea in about three weeks, and gradually I could cut down on the meat."

In those days elephants were broken in by trainers in this country (now they come from Africa and India fairly trained) and when he started on the "bulls" he found it took six months to train them (corrected).

BIGGEST THRILL
"The biggest thrill in circus life for me," says Alonzo, "was unloading. We used the elephants to pull wagons and pull up the poles—they'd get restless if we didn't keep them busy. An average stop was just one or two days; so they had a lot of work."

"The circus pays well and it's a good life—I always got a per-

FIRST COMMUNION
Six children will receive their First Holy Communion Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the Catholic chapel on the Main Post. They are Nadine Vance, William Moore, Florence O'Neill, Margie Naehr, James Tulumbo, and Donald Cross.

LOOSE TALK COSTLY
A soldier who never failed to let his mama know where he was and what he was doing was sent overseas. At a railroad station he wrote his mother's phone number on a match folder gave it to a trainman and asked him to call his mother collect, and tell her that he was waiting that night. The trainman fulfilled his request for an open booth in the station. An agent overheard, and the information was relayed to an Axis submarine. The ship was sunk shortly after leaving her berth.

centage of the gate receipts. There were 1600 of us in the Ringling show—our trains had every convenience, including hospital cars and sleepers and club cars. After the war Alonzo might become a circus animal dealer or go to Australia with Welby Cook, animal expert. "Animals are definitely my business," he said, as he was off to town to see the beat act in the Thrill circus.

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In the center of the parade ground, at the reviewing stand, stood Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, Commandant of The Infantry School, flanked by Col. P. E. LeSurgeon, 4th Infantry commander, and Lt. Col. Thomas W. Goodyard, regimental executive officer.

In the second row, stood the regimental staff of the 4th Infantry, Capt. George H. Murphy, Maj. John K. MacIntyre, Maj. Edward E. Raper, Maj. Maurice N. Clark, Maj. Roy M. Morris, and Capt. Charles D. King. Lt. Howard R. Wells represented the Headquarters 1st Battalion at the reviewing stand.

GET BATTLE STREAMER

At the given command, 1st Sgt. Rupert R. Howland and Tech. Sgt. R. K. Kiss, Jr., representing Company A, moved from and centered General Bonesteel pinned the blue and gold citation ribbon on the chest of Sgt. Howland, turned and tied the blue and white battle streamer, bearing the word, ATTU, on the lowered guidon of the 4th Infantry unit.

Marching to the accompanying music of the 184th Army Band, which was led by W. O. Julian B. Goodstein, the entire 4th Infantry regiment proudly passed in review.

EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY

The company was cited as a unit for exceptional bravery in action against the Japanese in the battle of Attu, in the Aleutian campaign.

The presentation, made to the unit as a whole, is the equivalent of the Distinguished Service Cross, awarded for individual heroism.

The men of the company will wear the small blue and gold framed ribbon on the right side of the uniform, rather than the usual left side, distinguishing it from other decorations, which many of the men have received.

Baker Village Stages Giant May Festival

More than 800 officers, enlisted men and busy housewives forgot all about war, ration points and laundry problems to join in the great May Day Festival held at the Athletic field at Newton D. Baker Village Monday evening.

Although the program was crowded with 6 and 7 by the thousands, the crowd gathered for the festival was covered with children of all ages. Parents, anxious to glimpse their own boys or Johnny in the parade, stood on tiptoes in the crowd.

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Post Commander of Fort Benning, dubbing last the hand of little Jimmy Mitchell said: "It is a privilege to speak to these lovely young ladies and all of the little men who represent the youth of America on this beautiful May Day. This, he said, 'is what we are fighting for. Peace on earth and lots of May Days.'

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Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in full uniform, dozens of little girls in bright colored paper dresses, lovely young ladies in formal, all listened as he spoke of the spirit of young people everywhere gathered together in such a gala celebration.

Lovely Jeanne Dallas Haralson, wearing a yellow dress, trimmed with soft pink ribbons and carrying a huge nosegay of spring flowers with pink streamers, led the procession. Her escorts, dressed in white and pastel evening gowns were: Rose Sabino, Sue Wilson, Sue Bowden, Carolyn Jefferson, Muriel Pierce and Jean Crittendon. Boy Scout Troop 58, bearing the Stars and Stripes and the blue of the Scout Flag, symbolized Truth, Justice and Liberty for all. The Scouts also assisted in traffic leading to the Athletic field.

QUINT DANCES

Three quint dances performed by the Brownie Scouts were topped only by lovely Margie Cook singing, "Suddenly It's Spring." A beautiful Spring song, "Will You Remember," was rendered by the talented Mrs. P. I. Hopkins, wife of the post commander of Baker Village.

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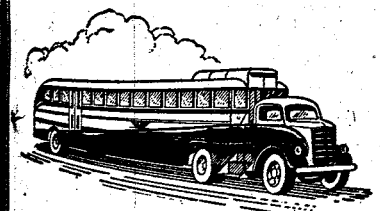
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Colonel Young Retires May 9

Col. Alexander W. Young, post signal officer at Fort Benning for the past two years and a veteran of both World Wars, will officially retire from the Army on July 31, it was announced today.

Col. Young, an official of the Bell telephone system in civilian life, will be relieved of his duties on Fort Benning on May 9 and go to his home in Denver, Colorado, on terminal leave to await his official retirement date. The post signal officer will reach the retirement age of 60 on July 27.

The Colonel plans to return to his former duties as assistant president of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., at Denver, a post he left to re-enter the Army February 15, 1942. He came to Fort Benning as post signal officer on March 3, 1942.

CONTINUED SERVICE

"I regret leaving the Army before the war is over," Col. Young said today in discussing his impending retirement. "However, I hope to continue to work with the Army in civilian life. Being in the Army in 1942, I had acted as coordinator between my company and the Army activities in the Colorado area for a year and a half."

Col. Young said his associations at Fort Benning during the past two years had been "most pleasant" and added that he left here with regret. Col. and Mrs. Young plan to drive back to their Colorado home. The trip will be in the nature of a vacation for them, since they plan to take their time along the way and visit points of interest.

Colonel and Mrs. Young recently were feted by telephone and signal corps employees at Fort Benning at a dinner in their honor at the Ralston Hotel in Columbus. Among the guests present were Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning; F. B. Emery, general manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company; E. C. Houston, Georgia plan supervisor; James S. Bonner, general coordinator of Army activities for the telephone company. O. B. Calhoun, a telephone company engineer who played at Fort Benning, served as master of ceremonies.

Colonel Young, a native of the May Pole dance by the May Queen attendants.

At the conclusion of the program, the voices of the entire crowd rose in a great chorus singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Music for the occasion consisted of special arrangements by Mrs. Haralson.

Participants were all Army and civilian personnel of Fort Benning.

—Mrs. Haralson.

9 Enlisted Wacs Get Promotions

Promotions of nine enlisted women of WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section I, have been announced by Captain Jeanette E. Miller, commanding officer.

Pvt. First Class Mildred L. Brezie, company clerk, has been promoted to corporal, and Pvt. First Class Alice L. Mathes, librarian at Service Club No. 3 in Harmony Church, has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade.

Privates to be promoted to first class included Lueella Wheatley, Betty Brazell Jeffrey and Laura Dean McMackin, all file clerks at the Army Post Office; Evelyn E. Didas, clerk-typist at the Army Emergency Relief Office; Ruth Goodspeed, clerk in the Signal Corps office of the post billing office; and Pauline Ward and Eula K. Blake, teletype operators in the Signal Center.

Brooklyn, N. Y., first entered the Army as a captain in the Signal Corps in July, 1917. He was assigned to command company D of the 46th Telegraph Battalion. When the Fourth Army Corps was activated at Neuchateau, France, in 1918, the battalion was assigned to it. It was the Battalion's function to maintain communications between corps headquarters and the three divisions in the corps.

Along with the corps, Colonel Young participated in the St. Michel, Meuse-Argonne and Defense sector engagements. He spent a total of 14 months overseas, five of them with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

One of the toughest jobs he had was maintaining communications during the month the corps took to move into the Army of Occupation, the colonel recalled. "Our motto couldn't go ahead of the advance party, but whenever the advance group stopped, we had to have lines open and ready for use. We did it partly by using civilian lines whenever we found them available."

While still overseas, he was promoted to major and assigned as commanding officer of the 52nd Telegraph Battalion, then at Antwerp, Belgium. Shortly afterwards his official returned to the United States.

In between wars the colonel kept up his interest in the Army. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the reserve July 5, 1924. He was made a full colonel November 3, 1943.

The Young family is an all-telephone company group. The colonel himself will celebrate his 42nd anniversary with the company June 5. His only son, Captain Richard D. Young, of the Signal Corps, is a peacetime employee of the company, while his daughter married an engineer for the telephone company in Denver. Cap. Young, assigned to the New York port of embarkation, now is visiting his parents here.

Maj. Loveless Leaves Benning

Maj. James A. Loveless, medical inspector of Fort Benning, has left the post for a new assignment at Fourth Service Command headquarters in Atlanta. In his new position, Maj. Loveless will be general disease control officer for the Fourth Service Command.

Coming to Fort Benning in January of 1941, Maj. Loveless became well known in Columbus and environs in his role of medical inspector. He cooperated with civilian authorities in Georgia and Alabama in combating virus in nearby communities.

Prior to being called to active duty, Maj. Loveless was director of venereal disease control of the Davidson County Department of Health for two and a half years. Previous to that job, Maj. Loveless served with the Public Health Department of Tennessee in Chattanooga and Nashville.

Maj. Loveless is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Loveless of Winder, Ga.

Valenty Gets Soldier's Medal

At an impressive ceremony on Gordon Field last Saturday, Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, Commanding General of the School Troops Brigade, presented the Soldier's Medal to Sgt. William C. Valenty, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School.

General Perrine also presented Certificates of Award to 21 Sgts. Alvin W. Wilker and Arthur J. Lester; Sgts. Howard N. Webster of Company E; S. Sgt. Edgar T. Simpers, Jr., Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., and to Sgt. John H. Magill, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

The awards were given for outstanding heroism in the effecting of rescue of fellow soldiers of the Spirit Regiment from the Chattahoochee River on March 11, 1944. General Perrine inspected the troops prior to the presentation of the awards. After the presentations, the 176th Infantry Regiment passed in review before the General and reviewing officers, and the cited Enlisted Men.

The Soldier's Medal is awarded for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. After the rescue, the regimentary march back to the Flying Pan Area where the 221st Army Band serenaded the men.

Southern Hospitality Lives On Indeed

While on their way to the Confederate Memorial Day parade that was to have been held in Columbus last week, the convoy from the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School halted for almost an hour on Fourth Avenue. It was raining very hard and the men in the open jeeps got wet and chilly.

Cpl. and Mrs. Rubin Bercland, who were visiting with men from their home, realized the soldier's plight. In a very friendly gesture, they brewed some coffee and brought it out to the shivering men.

This gracious couple were too modest to divulge their names, and it was only after a "Spirit of '76" reported inquired of their neighbors, that their identity was revealed.

SALES TALK

When 1st Sgt. Joseph E. Judson of Regimental Headquarters Company of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School was just a buick private, he got some feelings mighty, mighty low. So he upped and hid himself to the nearest recruiting office and said, "Give me that old sales talk again. I'm getting discouraged."

Rendering unto Caesar those things which are Caesar's and unto God those things which are His, last year the Army Service Forces attained two remarkable, but quite different goals. To more

Reception Center Unit Wins April Mess Flag Award

The "E" flag award for the best mess among 4th Service Command units at Fort Benning has been awarded for April to Reception Center Mess No. 3, Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, post food supervisor, announced today.

Runner-up for the month was the Main Mess at the Station Hospital.

The mess of Supply Detachment, Section I, was cited for making the greatest improvement during the month.

The award is made each month on the basis of sanitation, food conservation, and the preparation and serving of food.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 176th Inf., 4th Serv. Com., and Mrs. Alvin E. Jones, 10th Det. Sg., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Capt. and Mrs. Maxwell Wallace, 611th Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 176th Inf., 4th Serv. Com., and Mrs. John E. Miller, 24th Det. Sg., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank E. Crowe, 16th Det. Sg., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Capt. and Mrs. Jesse Harbison, 16th Det. Sg., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Lt. and Mrs. Walter M. Treese, 6th Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 176th Inf., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Lt. and Mrs. Lester Johnson, 6th Co., 1st Bn., 176th Inf., 4th Serv. Com., of April.

Capt. and Mrs. Edgar Barrett, Hq. AGO, 218 W. 55 St., Ft. Meade, Md., of April.

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9th St. USO Anniversary To Be Marked

The Ninth Street USO, largest service club for members of the armed forces in the Columbus area, will celebrate its second anniversary this week and with a Saturday night dance and a big birthday cake Sunday afternoon, it was announced today.

The Saturday night dance, free to GIs, of course, will feature the 176th Infantry dance orchestra and the orchestra of the 222nd Army Band. In addition, the floor show from the Southern Manor will entertain the guests. Military and civilian leaders will speak, and refreshments will be served.

The huge birthday cake will be cut Sunday afternoon during the Hostess Hour which will be observed from 5 to 7 p. m. Fort Benning time. Music for the hour will be furnished by members of the 222nd Army Band.

THOUSANDS OF GUESTS

The Ninth Street club, proud of its reputation as the Post Benning soldiers' "home away from home," has entertained and helped feed hundreds of thousands of the post's enlisted men during the two years since it opened its doors to its first soldier-guest on May 8, 1942.

The club's many projects to entertain and aid service men include weekly dances, an information service, a shopping service, sports facilities, a huge reading and lounging room, a library, a snack bar, a dark room for camera enthusiasts, a sewing service, and basketball games.

TOWN HALL FORUM

The club is especially proud of its Town Hall Forum, a weekly event at which soldiers and civilians get together to discuss problems of the day.

The club is operated by the National Catholic Community Service and the Jewish Welfare Board. Eugene J. Baumgartner has been its director since it was founded. His assistants include Fred Grossman, assistant director; Mrs. Josephine Myers, John Deignan, and Miss Naomi R. Galitz.

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